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H. R. 5010

To provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to commemorate the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BACHUS (for himself, Mr. LEACH, Ms. NORTON, Ms. WATERS, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, and Mr. CASTLE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services

A BILL

To provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to commemorate the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia
5 and United States Territories Circulating Quarter Dollar
6 Program Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ISSUANCE OF REDESIGNED QUARTER DOLLARS**
2 **COMMEMORATING THE DISTRICT OF COLUM-**
3 **BIA AND EACH OF THE TERRITORIES.**

4 Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is
5 amended by inserting after subsection (m) the following
6 new subsection:

7 “(n) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF CIRCULATING
8 QUARTER DOLLAR COMMEMORATING THE DISTRICT OF
9 COLUMBIA AND EACH OF THE TERRITORIES.—

10 “(1) REDESIGN BEGINNING IN 2009.—Notwith-
11 standing the fourth sentence of subsection (d)(1)
12 and subsection (d)(2) and subject to paragraph
13 (6)(B), quarter dollar coins issued beginning in
14 2009, shall have designs on the reverse side selected
15 in accordance with this subsection which are em-
16 blematic of the District of Columbia and the terri-
17 tories.

18 “(2) SINGLE DISTRICT OR TERRITORY DE-
19 SIGN.—The design on the reverse side of each quar-
20 ter dollar issued beginning in 2009 shall be emblem-
21 atic of 1 of the following: The District of Columbia,
22 the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American
23 Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the
24 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

25 “(3) SELECTION OF DESIGN.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each of the 6 designs
2 required under this subsection for quarter dol-
3 lars shall be—

4 “(i) selected by the Secretary after
5 consultation with—

6 “(I) the chief executive of the
7 District of Columbia or the territory
8 being commemorated, or such other
9 officials or group as the District of
10 Columbia or the territory may des-
11 ignate for such purpose; and

12 “(II) the Commission of Fine
13 Arts; and

14 “(ii) reviewed by the Citizens Com-
15 memorative Coin Advisory Committee.

16 “(B) SELECTION AND APPROVAL PROC-
17 ESS.—Designs for quarter dollars may be sub-
18 mitted in accordance with the design selection
19 and approval process developed by the Sec-
20 retary in the sole discretion of the Secretary.

21 “(C) PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary may
22 include participation by District or territorial
23 officials, artists from the District of Columbia
24 or the territory, engravers of the United States
25 Mint, and members of the general public.

1 “(D) STANDARDS.—Because it is impor-
2 tant that the Nation’s coinage and currency
3 bear dignified designs of which the citizens of
4 the United States can be proud, the Secretary
5 shall not select any frivolous or inappropriate
6 design for any quarter dollar minted under this
7 subsection.

8 “(E) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN REP-
9 RESENTATIONS.—No head and shoulders por-
10 trait or bust of any person, living or dead, and
11 no portrait of a living person may be included
12 in the design of any quarter dollar under this
13 subsection.

14 “(4) TREATMENT AS NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For
15 purposes of sections 5134 and 5136, all coins mint-
16 ed under this subsection shall be considered to be
17 numismatic items.

18 “(5) ISSUANCE.—

19 “(A) QUALITY OF COINS.—The Secretary
20 may mint and issue such number of quarter
21 dollars of each design selected under paragraph
22 (4) in uncirculated and proof qualities as the
23 Secretary determines to be appropriate.

24 “(B) SILVER COINS.—Notwithstanding
25 subsection (b), the Secretary may mint and

1 issue such number of quarter dollars of each
2 design selected under paragraph (4) as the Sec-
3 retary determines to be appropriate, with a con-
4 tent of 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper.

5 “(C) SOURCES OF BULLION.—The Sec-
6 retary shall obtain silver for minting coins
7 under subparagraph (B) from available re-
8 sources, including stockpiles established under
9 the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Pil-
10 ing Act.

11 “(D) TIMING AND ORDER OF ISSUANCE.—
12 Coins minted under this subsection commemo-
13 rating the District of Columbia and each of the
14 territories shall be issued during 10-week inter-
15 vals in the following order: the District of Co-
16 lumbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,
17 Guam, American Samoa, the United States Vir-
18 gin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the
19 Northern Mariana Islands.

20 “(6) OTHER PROVISIONS.—

21 “(A) APPLICATION IN EVENT OF ADMIS-
22 SION AS A STATE.—If the District of Columbia
23 or any territory becomes a State before the end
24 of the 10-year period referred to in subsection
25 (1)(1), subsection (1)(7) shall apply, and this

1 subsection shall not apply, with respect to such
2 State.

3 “(B) APPLICATION IN EVENT OF INDE-
4 PENDENCE.—If any territory becomes inde-
5 pendent or otherwise ceases to be a territory or
6 possession of the United States before quarter
7 dollars bearing designs which are emblematic of
8 such territory are minted pursuant to this sub-
9 section, this subsection shall cease to apply with
10 respect to such territory.

11 “(C) TERMINATION OF PROGRAM.—This
12 subsection shall cease to apply as of the end of
13 the 10-week period beginning on the date quar-
14 ter dollars commemorating the Commonwealth
15 of the Northern Mariana Islands are first
16 issued.

17 “(7) TERRITORY DEFINED.—For purposes of
18 this subsection, the term ‘territory’ means the Com-
19 monwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa,
20 the United States Virgin Islands, and the Common-
21 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”.

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